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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE, DOD WASHDC INFO MOSCOW,  
NATO, USIA, USEUCOM VAHINGEN FROM STOCKHOLM JAN 10:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 0092

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SOPN, PFOR, SW  
SUBJECT: GOS RETHINKS ITS RESPONSE TO ALLEGED NEAR COLLISION OF  
US AND SOVIET AIRCRAFT

REF, STOCKHOLM 0067 (DTG 081620Z)

1. REFTEL AND PREVIOUS DESCRIBED GOS INVESTIGATORY  
ACTIVITY IN RESPONSE TO ALLEGED NEAR COLLISION OF US AND  
SOVIET AIRCRAFT OVER BALTIC ON JANUARY 5. EXTENSIVE  
MEDIA REPORTING INDICATED THAT A CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY  
COMMISSION HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP  
OF GORAN STEEN, THAT STEEN HOPED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH  
THE CREWS OF THE US AND SOVIET AIRCRAFT, AND WOULD BE  
PREPARED TO GO TO THEIR RESPECTIVE BASES TO INTERVIEW  
THEM.

2. ALL SUCH PLANNED ACTIVITY HAS NOW BEEN SHELVED  
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APPARENTLY. THE EMBASSY WAS INFORMED TODAY BY MFA  
DIVISION CHIEF JAN LUNDAVIK (WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SOVIET  
AFFAIRS) THAT ALL MEDIA INTIMATIONS OF PLANNED  
GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY HAVE PROVEN INCORRECT. THERE WILL  
NOT BE AN INVESTIGATION COMMISSION AND THERE WILL BE NO  
THOUGHT GIVEN TO INTERVIEWING THE CREWS HERE OR AT THEIR  
RESPECTIVE BASE LOCATIONS. LUNDAVIK SAID (RATHER

SHEEPISHLY) THAT THE FIRST DECISIONS MADE IN THIS CASE WERE BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT SWEDISH MILITARY PLANE HAD BEEN INVOLVED. HE ADDED HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT THE FIRST STEPS WERE INAPPROPRIATE BECAUSE THEY WERE TAKEN BY RATHER LOW-RANKING PERSONNEL IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES; THEIR SUPERIORS BEING AWAY FROM THE STOCKHOLM AREA ON A LONG HOLIDAY WEEKEND.

3. LUNDAVIK CONFIRMED AGAIN THAT IN THE GOS OPINION, NO PROTEST HAD BEEN OR WAS LIKELY TO BE FILED WITH THE USG AS A RESULT OF THE JANUARY 5 INCIDENT AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO VIOLATION OF SWEDISH AIRSPACE. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE SOVIET PILOT'S ALLEGATION OF A NEAR MISS WITH A USAF AIRCRAFT MUST STILL BE INVESTIGATED. THE FORM OF THE INVESTIGATION AND BY WHAT BODY WAS NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, THE CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY BOARD AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WHEN CONCLUSIONS ARE REACHED ON HOW TO PROCEED, THE EMBASSY WILL BE INFORMED. SMITH UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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